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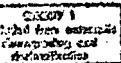
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1. IT IS GENERALLY RECOGNIZED THAT THE DEPLOYMENT OF OXCART, AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH LED TO THAT DEPLOYMENT, MIGHT AFFECT THE PHASE OUT DECISION OF LAST DECEMBER. HOWEVER, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE AT THIS TIME TO ANTICIPATE WHAT NEW DECISIONS MAY BE MADE. ALL WE CAN DO NOW IS CONTINGENCY PLANNING ON THE BASIS OF WHAT MAY HAPPEN, WITH THE PRIMARY CONSIDERATION BEING THE MAINTENANCE OF THE OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY. OUR PRESENT OBJECTIVES ARE (A) ASSURE THE SUCCESS OF THE OPERATIONAL DEPLOYMENT (B) MAINTAIN A POSTURE WHICH WILL ENABLE US TO OPERATE BEYOND DECEMBER 1967 WITHOUT INTERRUPTION IF THAT DECISION IS MADE, AND (C) IDENTIFY AREAS WHERE IMMEDIATE DECISIONS ARE NECESSARY. WITH

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 REGARD TO THE LATTER, WE MUST DISTINGUISH BETWEEN LONG RANGE
 GUIDANCE AND SHORT RANGE GUIDANCE FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE. FOR
 THE MOMENT WE CAN ONLY GIVE YOU SHORT RANGE GUIDANCE WHICH WILL
 ENABLE YOU TO PRESERVE THE OPERATIONAL ASSETS AND KEEP OUR
 OPTIONS OPEN FOR A PERIOD OF 90 DAYS OR SO, DURING WHICH TIME WE MAY
 BE ABLE TO OBTAIN THE POLICY DECISIONS WHICH ARE NECESSARY.

2. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, WE BELIEVE THE FOLLOWING ASSUMPTIONS
 ARE VALID FOR THE NEXT 90 DAYS. IF THERE ARE CRITICAL AREAS NOT
 COVERED BY THESE ASSUMPTIONS, PLEASE LET US KNOW.

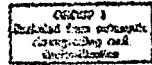
- A. THE DEPLOYMENT WILL LAST FOR AT LEAST SIX MONTHS.
- B. THREE OXCART AIRCRAFT WILL REMAIN DEPLOYED.
- C. THREE AIRCRAFT CREWS PLUS ONE BACKUP CREW SHOULD
 BE IN POSITION AT KADENA.
- D. AIRCRAFT 124 WILL CONTINUE AT PRESENT RATE OF FLYING

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E. AIRCRAFT 122 EFFORT SHOULD BE DIRECTED TOWARDS
 OPERATIONAL READINESS PROGRAM INCLUDING FLIGHTS AS REQUIRED
 25X1 AS OUTLINED IN YOUR [REDACTED] UPON COMPLETION READINESS
 PROGRAM, AIRCRAFT WILL BE TURNED OVER TO DETACHMENT.

F. AIRCRAFT 121 FLIGHT EFFORT THROUGH 30 JUNE 67 SHOULD
 CONTINUE AS PLANNED NOW. FOR CONTINGENCY PLANNING SUBSEQUENT
 TO 30 JUNE 67, 121 SHOULD CONTINUE TESTS BUT ON A REDUCED
 FLIGHT PROGRAM IN ORDER TO KEEP CURRENT AND READY FOR
 CONTINGENCY INSTRUMENTED FIELD SERVICE PROBLEM SOLVING IN
 SUPPORT BLACK SHIELD. LEVEL OF ACTIVITY SHOULD BE GEARED
 AROUND MINIMIZING COST AS MUCH AS IS CONSISTENT WITH MAIN-
 TAINING THE PERSONNEL AND SUPPORT CAPABILITY FOR ABOVE
 PROBLEM SOLVING CONTINGENCY.

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G. REMAINING THREE OPERATIONAL AIRCRAFT WILL FLY 12 TO 16 SORTIES PER MONTH TOTAL.

H. DECISION TO PHASE OUT IN DECEMBER 1967 MAY OR MAY NOT BE AFFIRMED.

3. YOU SHOULD MAN TO SUFFICIENT PERSONNEL AND MAINTAIN THESE PERSONNEL CAPABLE OF DEPLOYMENT AS YOU DEEM NECESSARY TO SUPPORT THE ABOVE BASIC ASSUMPTIONS.

4. YOUR SUB-CONTRACTORS SHOULD MAN TO MEET YOUR REQUIREMENTS TO SATISFY THE ABOVE ASSUMPTIONS.

5. YOU WILL BE ADVISED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER DECISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE THAT AFFECT YOUR PRESENT POSTURE.

6. SPARES WILL BE PROCURED AND DELIVERED TO MEET THE OPERATIONAL CAPABILITIES OUTLINED HEREIN AND WILL BE LIMITED FOR THE PRESENT TO CRITICAL ITEMS WHICH WILL BE MANAGED ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS AND GENERALLY SUBJECT TO DELIVERY BEFORE 31 OCT 67.

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7. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AIRCRAFT WILL BE LIMITED TO THOSE NEEDED FOR SAFETY OF FLIGHT AND TO SUPPORT THE OPERATIONAL COMMITMENT. EACH MODIFICATION WILL BE HANDLED ON AN INDIVIDUAL CCB BASIS.

8. TECH DATA WILL BE MAINTAINED AT MINIMUM COST, I.E., "SLIP SHEET" BASIS FOR THE OPERATIONAL AND TEST AIRCRAFT.

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